



GEORGIA BAPTIST BIBLE INSTITUTE



Starting in January, Centennial will be an off-site location for Brewton Parker and Temple Baptist Theological Seminary. The Georgia Baptist Bible Institute (GBBI) of Brewton-Parker College is a collaborative effort with local Baptist Associations which provides Biblical and Ministry training for pastors, ministers, or lay persons who desire to increase their effectiveness in ministry and pursue a college education.

Do you have a personal goal to finish your undergrad? Or maybe you just like the idea of taking college level courses as a way to enrich your personal knowledge of Scripture. This program was created with you in mind. Classes are now open for registration. All you need to do is follow the link below for more detailed information.

Faithfully Providing Ministry Training - committed to the Baptist Faith & Message 2000.

- The program is designed to support pastors and churches.
- Courses are geared toward ministry training.
- All professors are serving in ministry and are approved by Brewton-Parker College.

Affordable and Accessible committed to making ministry training affordable and flexible.

- Semester length courses
- Courses are all in-seat at a local
- \$150 per course (with one-time application and registration fees.)
- Fully accredited college credit up to 27 credit hours

Admission Requirements:

- Designed for the non-traditional or returning student.
- A high school diploma or equivalent transcript must be sent to BPC.

Current Classes for Centennial:

- CHR 100 Intro to Christian Worldview
- CHR 101 Intro to Old Testament
- Classes begin January 8, 2024
- Location: First Baptist Church, Barnesville

How to Apply and Register:

- Apply online for the GBBI program at
 - www.apply.gbbi.bpc.edu
- Once you have applied, you can register for your class online or by using the form provided by your instructor.

Courses provided by Temple Baptist Theological Seminary of Brewton-Parker College Biblically Based—Ministry Focused Apply Now: www.apply.GBBI.bpc.edu

More information at www.centennialbaptistassociation.com/ registration

Rev. Mark Harris- Vice Moderator

Rev. Steve Laughman- Associational Mission Strategist Rev. Eddie Johnson- Moderator

MINISTERS & SPOUSES

DECEMBER 7TH AT 6:30 PM RSVP FOR THE MEAL & NURSERY TO 770-314-6037 BY 12/1

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HOSTED BY GBMB PASTOR WELLNESS & CENTENNIAL ASSOCIATION

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RSVP

Mrs. Marni Laughman- Ministry Assistant

Mrs. Joan German- Treasurer

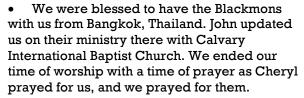
A Word from Your Mission Strategist, Steve Laughman

Thank you to all who attended Centennial's 140th Annual Fall Meeting. East Thomaston did a wonderful job hosting us, and it was once again an exciting time of fellowship and reporting on what God is doing in our association.

For those who were unable to attend, here is a quick recap:

- Committees and Priority Teams reported on their work this year and plans for the next
- The budget for 2024 and a new slate of officers was approved.
- Eddie Johnson completed his term as Moderator. We thank him for his service.
- The Membership Committee recommended we receive Graceview Church as a new member church which met with unanimous approval. Graceview will be under watchcare for one year.
- Church Health and Strengthening announced a new partnership with Brewton Parker College to offer inperson, college level courses here beginning in January.
- Missions and Community Impact reminded us of so much that is being done including the Dental Clinic, the Outreach Trailer, our Thailand Partnership, support of New Mercies Biblical Counseling and projected plans to encourage Foster Care and Adoption.
- Gabe Thomas, our Campus Minister at Gordon State College, reported an increase in involvement among students at both weekly Bible studies and regular

- worship Gatherings. He also thanked churches for their participation on campus. Our spring meeting focused on Campus and Collegiate Ministry in 2023.
- Church Planting and Replanting began its first year with some training and preparation for opportunities God may have for us soon.



I am very thankful for what God is doing through the ministries of the churches of Centennial. We are blessed to have such a spirit of cooperation. Your continued support allows us to dream big about how we can impact the communities we serve.

I often hear how churches struggle to keep pastors and staff for long tenures. I am thankful that for the most part, that is not the case here at Centennial. We have a culture of pastors investing their lives for 10, 20, 30 or more years. That says a lot about who we are. In October we lost our longest serving pastor. Pastor Albert Parker served Culloden Baptist Church faithfully for 62 years. He never failed to encourage me and inspire me to serve the Lord and His Church well. I am grateful for his legacy, and I am hopeful that others will follow his example of faithful, long-term service to the local churches here in our association. Please pray for the Parker family and for Culloden Baptist Church.



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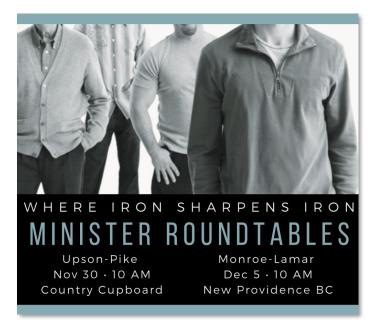


Blackmons in Bangkok

It was so good to see the Blackmons in Georgia! Thank you to everyone that joined them for the Annual Fall meeting held at East Thomaston. Please continue to pray for John, Cheryl, Lillie Jo and Josiah as they conclude their travels and return home to Bangkok. It was hard to say goodbye for now. We look forward to future plans for partnering with them for short and long term mission trips. Stay tuned for upcoming dates and details!

If you want to stay in touch, see current photos, and pray specifically, subscribe to their newsletter by simply emailing bangkokblackmons@gmail.com or by following John on at facebook.com/john.blackmon.39 Please clearly mark all financial support sent to, PO BOX 210, Thomaston, GA 30286 for "Thailand Missions". **CLICK HERE** to learn more about Centennial's partnership with the Blackmons.





No one knows what it is like to pastor a church but a pastor. Each of us comes to the table with different perspectives, levels of experience, and personal challenges. We all leave the table encouraged and knowing that we are not alone.



Week of Prayer for

International Missions

December 3-10



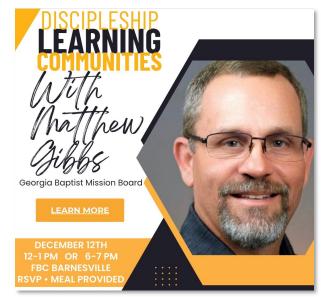


Do you know a young person whom God is calling to vocational ministry?

Are you willing to mentor young people as they pursue God's call?

Called Cohorts are monthly Zoom calls designed to give young people the skills needed to follow God's call on their lives. God is calling middle schoolers, high schoolers, college students, and young adults to serve Him, and we want to help. Leaders are needed to guide students through the process. We also need your help connecting us to students who want to be a part of a Called Cohort.

Contact **Steve** at <u>cbaamsteve@gmail.com</u> or **770-314-6107** for more information.



One of the most asked questions we get as an association is "How can I help my church grow?"

Although there are several ways to measure growth, most would agree that making more disciples and helping them grow in their personal walk with the Lord is a key part of any healthy church growth. The purpose of a Discipleship Learning Community is to work through specific principles related to discipleship in order to implement them in your church.

Centennial Baptist Family,

As we approach this season of Thanksgiving, I want to say to all of you how thankful I am for your support of collegiate ministry at Gordon State College. I love college ministry. I believe that there is no age group that is more ready to impact the world for God's Kingdom than college students. But too many college students walk in darkness. But with your generous support we are able to invest in the ministry on our



The money budgeted for BCM and donated to our designated account has gone to help with outreach events throughout the semester. It helped us pay for a banner to place on our table when we set up on campus and try to engage with students we haven't met before. It helped our fall conference be more affordable so students could go and grow as well as build relationships with one another. Next semester, that money will help us cover the cost of food when we go on our Spring Break Mission trip to serve in Brooklyn, New York.

It's not just money. Many of you have come and served alongside us as we try to reach our campus. There is no greater example of the love of Christ than when we look around and see people from all across our association helping students move into their dorms in the August heat. Students see the love of Christ when you supply food and come get to know them at a BCM event. If you would like to discuss more about how you could help serve BCM through financial contribution or by helping with a BCM event, please email or call me. Thank you Centennial Baptist Association for loving the students of Gordon State College.

Gabe Thomas Campus Minister for the Baptist Collegiate Ministry at Gordon State College 478-718-2703



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CBA Financials for October 2023

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Mt. Pleasant 0.00 0.0
Mt. Zion 0.00 0.0
Neal 50.00 500.0
New Bethel 50.00 500.0
New Harmony 159.68 430.8
New Hope Zebulon 306.99 3,473.6
Pritchett Memorial 176.76 1,938.6
Russellville 0.00 778.4
Shiloh Lamar 0.00 2,200.0
Shiloh Upson 50.00 500.0
Silvertown 0.00 919.1
The Rock 0.00 1,618.9
Trinity 300.00 3,000.0
Valley Grove 0.00 3,861.2
Yatesville 175.00 1,750.0
Total Receipts 10,931.64 131,744.4

Disbursements for October 2023			
Total Budgeted Expenditures	11,407.46		
Designated Accounts Expenses	4,599.98		
Monthly Surplus/Shortfall	(475.82)		

<u>Opportunities & Church News</u> (Full job descriptions and other positions are listed <u>HERE</u>) **Bethany** is seeking a **PT Children's Director**. For more information or to apply contact the church office at 478-974-0002.

Concord is seeking a full-time **Minister to Students and Family**. Send resumes to jeff.yearwood@fnf.com

FBC Forsyth is seeking both an **organist and pianist** to play for their traditional service. Contact jerryelder@fbcforsyth.com

FBC Thomaston is seeking paid **Nursery workers** for Sunday AM, Sunday PM & Wednesday PM services. Please contact Ted Kandler at FBC Thomaston, 706-647-7889.

Russellville is seeking a Music Director & Pianist Resumes can be sent to Russellville Baptist Church, P. O Box 6004, Forsyth, GA, 31029 or to Mary Ann Jarrell, Church Clerk, 1212 Abercrombie Road, Culloden, GA, 31016. For more information call 478-955-7375 or e-mail ma.jarrell@hotmail.com.

Novem	nber 2023		
6	Gordon BCM- Dodgeball & Chili dogs	Gordon College, Barnesville	6-7 PM
7	Steering Committee Meeting	The Rock Church, The Rock	6:30- 7:30 PM
12-14	Georgia Baptist Convention	Church on the Main, Snellville	Sun PM-Tues PM
13	Gordon BCM– The Gathering	Gordon College, Barnesville	6:30-8:30 PM
23	Thanksgiving Day		
27	Gordon BCM- The Gathering	Gordon College, Barnesville	6:30-8:30 PM
Decem	ber 2023		
3-10	Week of Prayer for International Missions	All SBC Churches	All week
4	Gordon BCM– Study Break	FBC Barnesville, Barnesville	6:00-8:00 PM
7	Minister & Spouses Dinner	McGhin's Southern Pit Bar-B-Q	6:30 PM-8:30 PM
12	Discipleship Learning Community	FBC Barnesville, Barnesville	6:30 PM
25-01	Christmas & New Year's Day	CBA Office Closed	All week
Januar	y 2024		
8	GBBI classes begin	FBC Barnesville, Barnesville	6:00-8:30 PM
11	Steering Committee	The Rock Church, The Rock	6:30 PM
18	Discipleship Learning Community	FBC Barnesville, Barnesville	6:30 PM



Dates: Thursday-Saturday, January 18-20, 2024

Location: Lanier Islands Legacy Lodge

Address: 7000 Lanier Islands Pkwy, Buford, GA 30518

This retreat is designed specifically for ministry wives whose husbands serve in a Georgia Baptist Mission Board affiliated church or ministry capacity. It is designed to be a time of spiritual, emotional, and physical renewal.

"Hold On" is what Hebrews 10:23 preaches. "Let us hold on to the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful."

Registration is open now. Click **HERE** to register. Or visit https://ga.sbcworkspace.com/pub/event/register/55236516